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AND

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To: The Chairman and Members of the
Ashby Woulds Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have honour in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1962.

According to the Registrar General's estimate the population has increased, from 3340 in 1961 to 3370 in 1962.

The birth rate (18.3) is higher than last year (13.1) and higher than that for England and Wales (18.0)

The death rate (15.4) is higher than last year (13.2) and higher than that for England and Wales (11.9)

Again as for many years past the chief causes of death were in diseases associated with elderly people.

There has been further damage to Council water mains, sewers and houses due to mining subsidence.

Efforts have been made to maintain satisfactory effluents from the three sewage disposal works in the district.

Consultant Engineers are preparing a further report dealing with the serious overloading etc., at the Donisthorpe Lane Works and are preparing a scheme for the sewerage and sewage disposal works at Albert Village.

10 houses have been erected by private enterprise and 10 were under construction by private enterprise at the end of the year.

The number of applications for Council Houses is 49 and the number received during the year was 9.

The general standard of hygiene in the shops and canteens in the district is very satisfactory.

Good progress continues to be made in the implementing of the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955.

I am pleased that the number of children receiving immunisation against Whooping Cough and Diphtheria remains high.

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There were 42 cases of infectious diseases of which 40 were Measles and 2 Whooping Cough.

Two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year, 1 male and 1 female both from the same house.

It is a pleasure to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman, Members and Officers of the Council, the Public Health Department of the County Council and the General Practitioners in the locality for their help and co-operation.

In particular, I would like to thank Mr. H.H. Ford the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector for his valuable assistance throughout the year.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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SECTION "A".

General Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area of District in Acres	2427.
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	3370.
Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1962	1135.
Rateable Value. 1st April 1962	~~£161,449~~ £57376
Sum Represented by a penny rate (Estimated) 1962/63	~~£652~~ £234
Comparability - Births	0.98.
- Deaths	1.23.

The chief industries of the district are: Engineering; Agriculture; Coal Mining; Earthenware and Clay Working. No industry was noted as having an injurious effect on the health of the district. The district is affected by mining subsidence but prompt attention to the damage to mains and sewers has ensured that there is little danger to health and the minimum of inconvenience to the inhabitants.

There are three Recreation Grounds in the Urban District with a total area of 12½ acres. Works are in hand for the improvement of children's playing facilities at the Occupation Road, Recreation Ground, Albert Village.

Vital Statistics.

(Figures in brackets are those for England and Wales)

Live Births	63	
Live Birth Rate	18.3	(18.0)
Still Births	1	
Still Birth Rate per 1000 Total (Live and Still) Births	15.7	(18.1)
Total Births	64.	
Infant Deaths	1.	
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births	15.9	(21.4)
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 Legitimate Births	16.7	
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 Illegitimate Births	0.	
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (First Four Weeks) per 1000 Related Live Births	0	(15.1)
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (First Week) per 1000 Related Live Births	0	
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Still and Early Neo-Natal Mortality Combined) per 1000 total live and still births	15.6.	
Percentage Of Illegitimate Live Births	4.8	
Maternal Deaths Including Abortion	0	
Maternal Mortality Rate (Including Abortion) Per 1000 Total Births	0	(0.35)

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Live Births - Legitimate.	33.	27.	60.
- Illegitimate.	2.	1.	3.
	35.	28.	63.
Still Births- Legitimate.	0.	1.	1.
- Illegitimate.	0.	0.	0.
	0.	1.	1.

Total Births (Live and Still) .. .. 64.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Deaths	22.	19.	41.

Death rate per 1,000 of population 15.4 (11.9)

Causes of Death During 1962.

Causes of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	1.	0.	1.
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus.	0.	1.	1.
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.	0.	1.	1.
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms.	2.	2.	4.
Leukaemia and Aleukaemia.	1.	0.	1.
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.	2.	3.	5.
Coronary Disease, Angina.	6.	5.	11.
Hypertension with Heart Disease.	0.	1.	1.
Other Heart Diseases.	1.	1.	2.
Other Circulatory Diseases.	0.	1.	1.
Pneumonia.	2.	1.	3.
Bronchitis.	2.	0.	2.
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum.	0.	1.	1.
Nephritis & Nephrosis.	1.	0.	1.
Other Defined and Ill Defined Diseases.	2.	2.	4.
Motor Vehicle Accident.	1.	0.	1.
All Other Accidents.	1.	0.	1.
TOTALS.	22.	19.	41.

Chief Causes of Death.

Diseases of the Heart and Circulation.	19.
Malignant Neoplasm (Cancer).	7.

Deaths of Infants Under 1 year of age :-

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate	1.	0.	1.
Illegitimate.	0.	0.	0.
	1.	0.	1.

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age :-

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate.	0.	0.	0.
Illegitimate.	0.	0.	0.
	0.	0.	0.

Early Neo-natal Deaths :-

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate.	0.	0.	0.
Illegitimate.	0.	0.	0.
	0.	0.	0.

SECTION 'B'.

General Provisions of the Health Services in the Area.

Hospitals.

All hospitals except a few private Maternity and Nursing Homes are under the Sheffield Regional Board. The County Homes for the aged and infirm are under the auspices of the County Council. When their residents take ill they become the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Measham Road, Moira. The Ante-natal Clinics are held at Bridge Road, Coalville, and the Tuberculosis Clinic at Markfield Hospital under the Regional Hospital Board. Relaxation classes for pregnant mothers are held at Ivanhoe Community Centre, Ashby on Wednesday mornings except during school holidays.

Ambulance Facilities.

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Rawdon Colliery.

Nursing in the Home.

All district Nursing and Midwifery is under the control of the County Council.

Health Visiting.

This work is provided by the County Council and is very ably carried out in this area. A Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Clinic at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and visits the patients in their homes on request.

Laboratory Facilities.

The Public Health Laboratory is at the Isolation Hospital Groby Road, Leicester.

Examinations performed as certified by the Public Health Laboratory.

Sputa.	1.
Water,	4.
Ice Creams.	7.
Vaginal & Cervical Swabs.	1.
	13.

Generally there is co-operation between the Local Authority and the services provided by the Executive Council and Hospital Boards and the tendency is towards closer integration.

SECTION 'C'.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

The water supply to the whole of the district was satisfactory in quality and quantity. 3 samples of treated water were submitted for bacteriological examination and found satisfactory.

Much time and trouble was again necessitated in the location and repair of fractured mains. Generally speaking, prompt attention ensured that supplies were disrupted for as short a time as possible.

Sewage Disposal.

Efforts have been made to maintain satisfactory effluents from all three sewage disposal works and reports of samples indicate a slight improvement.

It is expected that further mining subsidence will shortly necessitate the main sewage works at Donisthorpe Lane being abandoned.

The Council's Consultant Engineers are at present exploring the possibility of treating sewage from the lower regions of the district at a joint works with the Ashby Rural District Council at Donisthorpe.

It has been recommended that all sewage from the proposed development at Norris Hill, together with that from existing properties north east of Moira Station be diverted to the Blackfordby outfall sewer for eventual treatment at the Ashby Urban District Council's sewage works at Packington.

Sewers.

In a district which is badly affected by subsidence it is suprising that sewers and drains continue to function as well as they do. Troubles were mainly of a minor nature and were attended to immediately.

Closet Accommodation.

The total number in the district on 31st December, 1962.

Privies	0.
Pail Closets	30.
W/C's	1105.

Pail Closets are emptied weekly by use of a Shelvoke and Drewry Cesspool Emptying Machine; cesspools as necessary. Contents are taken to the sewage works for treatment.

Public Cleansing.

The whole district is covered by use of a Shelvoke and Drewry Refuse Freighter, and a weekly collection is always maintained. Disposal is by partially controlled tipping into a worked out clay quarry.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

(a) Total number of complaints	124.
(b) Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	68.

Inspections Made.	Number of Inspections.
Animal Keeping	3.
Bakehouses	10.
Dairies	0.
Drainage Works	85.
Dwelling Houses	486.
Infectious Diseases (Enquiries)	6.
Food Poisoning (Enquiries)	0.
Food Premises	112.
Offensive Trades	0.
Refuse Collection and Disposal	120.
Rodent Control	78.
Schools	6.
Shops	24.
Slaughter Houses and Meat Inspection	118.
Smoke Control	6.
Tents, Vans and Sheds	18.
Verminous and Dirty Premises	4.
Water Supply	79.
Factories and Workshops	63.
Other Inspections	25.
	1,243.

Notices.

Preliminary:-	Housing.	Public Health.
Outstanding on 1st January, 1962.	1.	0.
Issued during the year.	16.	17.
Complied with during the year.	15.	14.
Outstanding on 31st December, 1962.	2.	3.

Statutory:-	Housing.	Public Health.
Outstanding on 1st January, 1962.	0.	0.
Issued during the year.	0.	0.
Complied with during the year	0.	0.
Outstanding on 31st December, 1962.	0.	0.

Summary Action.

Summons Issued .. NIL.

Shops.

Particulars of action taken during the year under Provisions of Section 38 of The Shops Act, 1950:-

	Outstanding From Previous Years.	Defects Found	Defects Remedied	Out-Standing 31st December. 1962
Lighting.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Sanitary Conveniences.	0.	2.	2.	0.
Washing Facilities.	0.	1.	1.	0.
Facilities for taking meals.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Temperature.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Ventilation.	0.	0.	0.	0.

The Pet Animals Act, 1951.

No action taken.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Act, 1951.

No action taken.

Swimming Baths and Pools Open to the Public.

There are no Public Swimming Baths in the District.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Activities under this heading have been very comparable and closely follow the pattern of work carried out during preceding years. All Council owned properties are regularly inspected and infestations dealt with as they arise. There is routine control of areas known to be infested, together with immediate attention to all complaints.

A survey of all manholes confirms that the rat population of the sewers is negligible - in the main due to surcharging. The few minor infestations were treated until no more takes were recorded.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

No. Site Licences issued:-

(a) Individual Vans. 4.
(b) More than 2 vans. 0.

All sites comply with Model Standards as issued by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

SECTION 'D'.

HOUSING.

New Houses Completed.	Type.	
	Prefabricated	Permanent.
Local Authority.	NIL.	NIL.
Private Enterprise.	NIL.	10.
Houses in Course of erection at 31st December by Local Authority.	NIL.	NIL.
- ditto - Private Enterprise.	1.	10.

Number of Post War Houses Completed by:-

Local Authority .. .. 222.
Private Enterprise.. .. .. 74.

Number of applications for Council Houses at the end of the year.. .. .. 49.

Number of applications received during the year .. .. 9.

Housing Summary.

Total number of houses occupied in the district .. .. ..1135.
Total number of Council Houses occupied in the district 354.

Much time and attention was again required to deal with problems resulting from mining subsidence.

SECTION 'E'.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Ice-cream.

Number of Premises registered.

Manufacture and Retail	NIL.
Manufacture only	NIL.
Retail only	8.
Number of samples taken	7.

Results.

Grade 1.	7.	Grade 2.	0.
Grade 3.	0.	Grade 4.	0.

Milk Supply.

Dairies and Distributors.

	No. on Register.	No of Inspections.
Dairies.	NIL.	NIL.
Distributors.	6.	NIL.

Biological Milk Samples taken	Nil.
Bacteriological Milk Samples taken	NIL.

Meat and Other Foods.
Record of Animals Killed and Inspected.

	Cattle excluding cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number Killed.	75.	0.	0.	179.	19.	0.
Number Inspected.	75.	0.	0.	179.	19.	0.
All Diseases Except Tuberculosis. Whole carcases condemned.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	6.	0.	0.	7.	0.	0.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis or Cysticeric.	8%	0.	0.	3.9%	0.	0.
Tuberculosis Only. Whole carcases condemned.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Cysticercosis. Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Generalised and totally condemned.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.

Number of Slaughter houses in the Area	1.
Number of Animals Slaughtered in the Area	273.
Number of Animals Examined therein.	273.
Number of inspections made of the meat at the time of slaughter.	273.
Number of Knackers Yards in the Area.	0.
Meat Stalls including Mobile Shops	5.
Number of Inspections.	9.
Meat Shops, Stores etc.,	3.
Number of Inspections.	58.

Places where Food (Other than Meat) is Kept or Prepared for Sale.

Number of Inspections	5.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

The standard of hygiene in certain shops etc., is exceptionally good, and owners, managers and staff are most co-operative in endeavouring to maintain a high standard of cleanliness.

Number of premises inspected	28.
Number of inspections made for the purpose	112.
Number of informal notices served	7.
Number of informal notices complied with	7.
Number of informal notices outstanding on 31st December	0.
Number of formal notices served	0.
Number of formal notices complied with.	0.
Number of formal notices outstanding on 31st December.	0.

SECTION 'F'.

Prevalence and Control over Infectious Disease.

Infectious Disease (Other than Tuberculosis) During 1962.

Disease	Final Numbers After Correction.	Cases Admitted To Hospital	Deaths.
Measles.	40.	0.	0.
Whooping Cough.	2.	0.	0.
	42.	0.	0.

Analysis Under Age Groups According to the Registrar General's Return 118 d.

Age Groups.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.
Under 1 year.	1.	0.
1 to 2 years.	5.	1.
2 to 3 years.	2.	0.
3 to 4 years.	7.	1.
4 to 5 years.	5.	0.
5 to 9 years.	19.	0.
9 to 15 years.	0.	0.
15 to 24 years.	1.	0.
24 and over.	0.	0.
65 and over.	0.	0.
Totals.	40.	2.

Immunisation Against Diphtheria.

Number of children who were immunised during the period 1st January to 31st December, 1962.

Age at 31-12-62.	Born in Year.	Primary Immunisation.	Booster Injection.
Under 1 year	1962.	10.	0.
1 "	1961.	26.	3.
2 "	1960.	6.	2.
3 "	1959.	0.	0.
4 "	1958.	0.	2.
5 to 9 years.	1953 to 1957.	2.	33.
10 to 14 "	1948 to 1952.	0.	1.
		44.	41.

Statement of Particulars Appearing in the Tuberculosis Register For the Year ending 31st December, 1962.

	Males.		Females.		
	Pul.	Non-pul.	Pul.	Non-pul.	Totals.
Number of cases on Register at Commencement of year.	5.	3.	6.	0.	14.
Number of cases notified for the first time during the year.	1.	0.	1.	0.	2.
Number of cases added to Register other than by formal notification.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Number of cases restored to Register.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Number of cases removed from Register during the year.	0.	2.	0.	0.	2.
Number of cases remaining on the Register at the end of the year.	6.	1.	7.	0.	14.
Causes of Removal from Register.					
Died.	0.	1.	0.	0.	1.
Cured.	0.	1.	0.	0.	1.
Total	0.	2.	0.	0.	2.

In July 1962, a middle aged woman was found to have Pulmonary Tuberculosis. All the people in the house were kept under observation, and in October, 1962 it was found that a boy aged 13 had developed Pulmonary Tuberculosis. These people lived in a rather poor house, occupied by four adults.

There is free co-operation between Local Authority and the Chest Physician at Markfield Hospital and every assistance is given in the ascertainment of contacts, re-housing or in employment.

A special clinic for contacts has been working very satisfactorily at Markfield and General Practitioners have availed themselves fully of X-ray facilities.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937 and 1948 Part 1 of the Act.

Resume of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the year 1962, which has already been sent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

Part 1 of the Act.

Inspection for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector.)

	Premises.	No. on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices.
1	Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	2.	44.	NIL.
2	Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	12.	37.	NIL.
3	Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	4.	18,	NIL.
		18.	99.	NIL.

Part 8 of the Act., Outwork (Section 110 and 111.)

There are NO current entries in the Register of Outworkers.